

Senator Abboud?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Abboud, I apologize.

SENATOR ABOUD: That's all right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is this...you say this is approved by the Workmens' Comp Court? Is this amount to kind of a late claim other than a...

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, this is a...the order was signed here by Judge Novicoff on March 22nd of this year, so it's a claim that came late to the claims bill. As I stated at the beginning, if it's the preference of the Legislature to wait until next year and go through the committee process, we can do that but the individual would have to wait a year before he received this money, so that's why (inaudible)...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, with this large amount I had to stand up. I see it is 82,000?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So I got to start watching some of these bigger numbers, I have to confess. So I just got here, I'm sorry.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It sounds okay, if it's legitimate we should go ahead. What I was concerned is if something had come in late and there...it's an issue that perhaps was somewhat subjective, but you're saying it's been signed by the Workmens' Comp Court, it is due and owing and we should pay it. I will sign off on that basis. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Is there any further discussion on the Abboud amendment? Seeing none, Senator Abboud, do you wish to close?

SENATOR ABOUD: I'll waive closing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Closing is waived. The question before you is